2.   Foster Care Prevention/Family Preservation

2.1 Services To Be Provided

SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES TO PREVENT THE NEED FOR
FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT. ANY SERVICE AVAILABLE TO A CHILD IN FOSTER
CARE PLACEMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO A CHILD AND HIS FAMILY TO
PREVENT FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
CHILD'S AND FAMILY'S NEEDS. THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FOR AT-
RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CSA) REQUIRES SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES BE CHILD CENTERED, FAMILY FOCUSED AND COMMUNITY BASED.

Services to prevent foster care placement may be paid from State Pool Funds, family
preservation funds, and Child Protective Service funds. Cases in which in-home services
to prevent foster care are delivered are to be entered in VACIS as Prevention and Support
cases or into OASIS as Child Protective Services cases. Non-custodial foster care cases,
where the local board or other licensed child placing agency places a child and legal
custody remains with the parent(s), are foster care cases, not prevention; see section 3.6.5.

2.2 Prevention Policy

The provision of services to prevent foster care placement will be guided by the following
policies:

2.2.1 PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Vol. VII, Section III, Chapter A)

   Applies to children who are at risk of foster care placement due to child abuse and
   neglect.

2.2.2 PREVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES (Vol. VII, Section II,
   Chapter E)

   Applies to services provided to families to strengthen the family's ability to function
   more effectively and prevent child abuse and neglect.

2.2.3 APPENDIX H OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES (CSA) IMPLEMENTATION
   MANUAL

   Provides guidance for use of CSA State Pool Funds for foster care prevention.
   Services provided to the child and family, per Appendix H, will generally be short-term
   and intensive in order to prevent foster care placement. If services are needed
   beyond the initial six months, the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT)
   must review the case and request approval in writing according to the guidelines in
   Appendix H.